



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

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Source:

1. Dan Randolph, P.E.,
Director of Public Works

Subject:

2026 Bulk Curbside Leaf
Collection Program

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CITY OF NAPERVILLE MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2026

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

FROM: Dan Randolph, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: 2026 Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Program

Purpose

Provide an overview of the City's 2026 leaf collection services, including the bulk curbside schedule and operational considerations at the end of November.

Background

The City provides residents with two leaf disposal options:

1. The Free Bagged Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Program. From November 2 through December 11, Groot Industries collects leaves and yard waste on residents' regular garbage days without yard waste stickers. Materials must be placed in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags or clearly labeled cans or carts.
2. The Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Program. Department of Public Works (DPW) personnel with contractor assistance collect loose leaves from streets. Annual collections have ranged between 46,600 and 62,100 cubic yards over the past five years. Leaves are disposed of in compliance with Illinois EPA regulations, including composting at local farms.

Discussion

Three bulk collection cycles are scheduled to begin October 19, November 2, and November 16. Residents should rake leaves into the street, clear of the storm drains, by 6 a.m. on each cycle's start date. Crews are scheduled to pass each home once per cycle; collection cycles may take up to two weeks to complete.

Bulk collection is scheduled to end November 25. Weather or unforeseen circumstances may prevent crews from completing the final cycle, so residents should be cautious about relying on a final collection cycle. The program will not extend into December unless there are extenuating circumstances, as DPW must prepare the same personnel and equipment for winter operations.

Residents should use the bagged collection program for late-falling leaves or leaves remaining after bulk collection ends. Street sweeping will follow bulk collection, weather permitting.

Communication

DPW and the Communications Department will publicize the schedule, participation requirements and limits through a media release, the Connected newsletter, social media, Naper Notify and the City's website. The online collection map, found on the [leaf collection webpage](#), will be updated daily so residents can track progress. [The Leaf it to Us ArcGIS StoryMap](#) provides additional program history and collection data.

Recommendation

Please distribute this memorandum to the City Council through the Manager's Memorandum.